

Blessinger For Congress
PO Box 778
Syosset, NY 11791
November 1, 2006

FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

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Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Office of General Counsel
Federal Elections Commission
999 E. St., NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Jordan,

This is a response to your correspondence of 10/17/2006 received on 10/20/2006 regarding matter (~~MUR-5839~~), a complaint against Blessinger For Congress (#C00426106) and its treasurer George Sambus. The complaint stated that the campaign failed to properly report known campaign expenses and in-kind contributions with the FEC as of 8/31/2006.

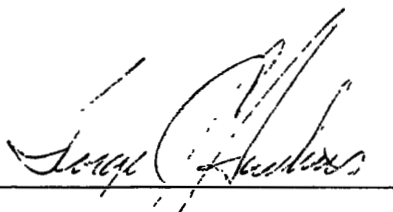
Martin W. Blessinger applied for federal candidacy on 7/3/2006 and Blessinger For Congress applied for organization and named a treasurer and assistant treasurer on 7/3/2006. (Please see attached FEC form 1 and 2) Mr. Blessinger officially became a candidate on 7/17/2006 when his contributions exceeded \$5000. (Please see attached Chase bank statement) Expenditures for the period 7/3/2006 to 7/31/2006 were \$1480.16 and did not exceed \$5000 in that period. Taking these facts into account, **Martin W. Blessinger became a candidate on 7/17/2006** when campaign contributions exceeded \$5000. (Please see attached Chase bank statement)

Referring to page #61 of the Campaign Guide For Congressional Candidates and Committees, "Once an individual has become a candidate, his or her principal campaign committee ... must file quarterly reports. Quarterly reports cover activity through the end of the calendar quarter and are due on April 15, July 15, and October 15." (See attached copy of page 62 of the Campaign Guide) The Blessinger Campaign reported activity covering 7/1/2006 to 9/30/2006 on the 10/15/2006 due date, and activity covering 10/1/2006 through 10/18/2006 on the 10/26/2006 due date as required.


The Blessinger For Congress campaign has meticulously followed all FEC rules and is therefore not in any violation.

Sincerely,

Treasurer


George Sambus

Candidate:


Martin W. Blessinger

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FEC
FORM 1

STATEMENT OF
ORGANIZATION

FEDERAL
OFFICE OF
COMMERCIAL

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Office Use Only

1 NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) (Check if name is changed) Example If typing, type over the lines 12FE4M5

BLESSINGER FOR CONGRESS

ADDRESS (number and street)

P.O. BOX 778

(Check if address is changed)

SYOSSET

N.Y. 11791-0778

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

gsambus@OPTONLINE.NET

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

COMMITTEE'S FAX NUMBER

516-921-8350

2 DATE 07 03 2006

3 FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ► C00426106

4 IS THIS STATEMENT ☒ NEW (N) OR ☐ AMENDED (A)

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

GEORGE SAMBUS

Signature of Treasurer

George Sambus

Date 07 03 2006

NOTE Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g

ANY CHANGE IN INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS

Office
Use
Only

For further information contact
Federal Election Commission
Toll Free 800-424-9530
Local 202-694-1100

FEC FORM 1
(Revised 02/2003)

5 TYPE OF COMMITTEE (Check One)

- (a) ☒ This committee is a principal campaign committee (Complete the candidate information below)
- (b) ☐ This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee (Complete the candidate information below)

Name of Candidate

MARTIN W. BLESSINGER

Candidate
Party Affiliation

CON

Office
Sought☒

House

☐

Senate

☐

President

State

NY

District

04

- (c) ☐ This committee supports/opposes only one candidate, and is NOT an authorized committee

Name of
Candidate

- (d) ☐ This committee is a _____ (National, State or subordinate) committee of the _____ (Democratic, Republican, etc.) Party
- (e) ☐ This committee is a separate segregated fund
- (f) ☐ This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate, and is NOT a separate segregated fund or party committee

6 Name of Any Connected Organization or Affiliated Committee

NONE

Mailing Address

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Relationship

Type of Connected Organization

Corporation

Corporation w/o Capital Stock

Labor Organization

Membership Organization

Trade Association

Cooperative

Write or Type Committee Name

BLESSINGER FOR CONGRESS

- 7 Custodian of Records: identify by name, address (phone number - optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records

Full Name

GEORGE SAMBUS

Mailing Address

WOODBURY

NY

11797-

Title or Position ▼

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

TREASURER

Telephone number

- 8 Treasurer List the name and address (phone number - optional) of the treasurer of the committee and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer)

Full Name

of Treasurer

GEORGE SAMBUS

Mailing Address

WOODBURY

NY

11797-

Title or Position ▼

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

TREASURER

Telephone number

Full Name of
Designated
Agent

SUSAN A. BLESSINGER

Mailing Address

FLORAL PARK

NY

11001-

Title or Position ▼

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Telephone number

9 Banks or Other Depositories. List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds

Name of Bank, Depository, etc

~~CHASE~~ J. P. MORGAN CHASE, N.A.

Mailing Address

7977 JERICHO TURNPIKE

WOODBURY NY 11797-

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Name of Bank, Depository, etc

Mailing Address

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

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FEC FORM 2
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

1 (a) Name of Candidate (in full)
MARTIN W. BLESSINGER

(b) Address (number and street) ☐ Check if address changed

2 Identification Number
NY 61764

(c) City, State, and ZIP Code
FLORAL PARK, N.Y. 11001

3 Is This Statement ☒ New (N) OR ☐ Amended (A)

4 Party Affiliation
CONSERVATIVE

5 Office Sought
CONGRESS

6 State & District of Candidate
N.Y. 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

7 I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the **2006** election(s)
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed in the instructions

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
BLESSINGER FOR CONGRESS

(b) Address (number and street)
P.O. BOX 778

(c) City, State, and ZIP Code
SYOSSET, N.Y. 11791

DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

8 I hereby authorize the following named committee which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee

(a) Name of Committee (in full)

(b) Address (number and street)

(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO EXPEND PERSONAL FUNDS (House or Senate Only)

9 I intend to expend personal funds exceeding the threshold amount (see 11 C.F.R. 400.9) by

9A **0.00** for the primary election, and

9B **0.00** for the general election

If you do not intend to expend personal funds exceeding the threshold amount for either election, you must enter "0.00" for each

I certify that I have examined this Statement, and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete

Signature of Candidate

Date

7/3/06

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to penalties of 2 U.S.C. § 437c

Report Type	Covering	Due
Quarterly	January 1 — March 31 April 1 — June 30 <u>July 1 — September 30</u> October 1 — December 31	April 15 July 15 <u>October 15</u> January 31
Pre-Election (Both Pre-Primary and Pre-General as well as Pre-Runoff, if appropriate)	First day of the current reporting period through the 20th day before the election	12 days before the election
Post-General	First day of the current reporting period through the 20th day after the general election	30 days after the general election
48 Hour Notices (Reporting contributions of \$1,000 or more)	Contributions received less than 20 days but more than 48 hours before the election	Within 48 hours of receipt of contribution

certified mail, priority or express mail or overnight delivery service, the report must be postmarked no later than the 15th day before the election 104.5(a)(1)(i)

A similar safe harbor exists for reports delivered to an overnight mail service on or before the 15th day before the election. Otherwise pre-election reports must arrive at the appropriate filing office by the 12th day before the election

Authorized committees must file appropriate pre- and post-election reports even if the candidate is unopposed or if the election is not held. Advisory Opinion 1986-21

Post-General Election Reports

There is no requirement for post-primary reports, but a committee must file a post-general election report if the candidate runs in the general election. A post-general election report covers activity through the 20th day after the election and is due 30 days after the election 104.5(a)(1)(ii).

Last-Minute Contributions (48-Hour Notice)

Campaign committees must file special notices regarding contributions of \$1 000 or more received less than 20 days but more than 48 hours before 12:01 a.m. of the day of any election in which the candidate is running. (These are often called "48-Hour Notices.") This rule applies to all types of contributions to any authorized committee of the candidate including

- Contributions from the candidate,
- Loans from the candidate and other non-bank sources, and
- Endorsements or guarantees of loans from banks. (See page 13.)

Committees may file their 48-hour notices using FEC Form 6. Alternatively a paper-filing committee may file online using the FEC's web site or may use its own paper or stationery for the notice provided that it contains the following information